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Long May It Wave

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"Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraved on our hearts; let it be borne up the flag under which we rally in every emergency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny."—Daniel Webster.

THE DOWNFALL OF KINGS.

God said, I am tired of kings,
I suffer them no more;
Up to my ears the morning brings,
The outrage of the poor.

Think ye I made this ball
A field of havoc and war?
Where tyrants great and tyrants small
Might harry the weak and poor?

My angel—his name is freedom—
Choose him to be your king;
He shall cut pathways east and west
And fend you with his wing.

How well these words of Ralph Waldo Emerson's apply to this present moment. Only four short months ago, and the power of the tyrants appeared as unassailable as the Alps. There they sat in dreadful security, protected by millions of submissive and ferocious slaves, armed with weapons of destruction against virtue, truth and innocence. Thence they sent their armies, crushing, burning, ravaging, leaving behind a trail of ashes, death and woe.

And then came the old result that has always happened when the powers of earth defied the laws of God and man. The image had feet of clay. The throne was built upon stubble. Nothing lasts unless built on honor and justice. There is something in human nature that will not tolerate wrongs. And so we have a long history of struggle against those cruel tyrants whose bloody deeds have stained history. Sometimes the battle has been long, not because the tyrants were strong, as that so many men are weak and inclined to submit. In the end every tyranny goes crashing to dust. So today the infamous William of Hohenzollern and his despicable son, once the proud and mighty rulers, are now outcasts, subject to the world's disgrace and loathing.

WHEN WILL THE BOYS RETURN?

With peace assured, everyone is now asking when the soldiers will come back. Some people think the boys now over there will soon be sent home, while others now in the camps will be sent over to take their place. This would involve much extra transportation and seems impractical.

Much will depend on the turn events take inside of Germany. If a new revolutionary government is created that gives evidence of sincere desire for peace, it may be possible largely to reduce the force which it had been expected to keep over there for the next year. We have of course learned that the German word is not to be trusted. But it should be possible so thoroughly to disarm them that a large part of the army could be discharged.

As Europe's chief need now will be for food, it would seem as if France and England and Italy would want our boys to get home as soon as possible so as to help increase the food supply.

Then the Russian situation will affect the matter. Russia is still a powder magazine, with explosions likely any minute. The Bolshevik rule has created a condition of tyranny and cruelty far worse than anything that existed under the czar. It involves too many elements of danger. The Germans could take advantage of it too easily. How far our army must help restore order only the future can show.

The quick transport of our troops to Europe was achieved only by the

use of a great number of English ships. With Enfield short of its food supply, we cannot afford to lend us these vessels any further. We must get the boys home in our own ships. As yet our fleet is not big enough to do that very rapidly, though it is growing. Still it seems reasonable to hope, all things considered, that the great majority of the boys will be joyfully eating turkey at home on Thanksgiving day, 1919.

THE DAY OF PEACE.

The signing of an armistice is not ordinarily accepted as a definite end of a war. But in this case the treachery and dirty perfidy of the Huns have called for the imposition of most unusual and extraordinary safeguards. With an angry people at their back and the armed forces of civilization before them, the Hun legions are cornered. The war is over. The voice of America will not again be trifled with and flouted. When our representatives speak, they will be listened to. Our power to rise within a short time and exert an overwhelming force has been abundantly demonstrated. The notion that the United States is an easy going, money loving nation, true and no sense of pride, no power of resistance, no force to make its principles and standards felt, has been shattered.

The most frightful threat the world ever met since the Dark Ages has been challenged. Cruelty, rapine, lust, rapacity, brutality have been defied and driven into their dens. The world is once more free to go the way of honest and peaceful industry.

A great military record has been made. Our boys have proved that the fiber of the nation has not softened. The feats of our soldiers compare with anything you can find on the most golden pages of history.

A glorious record of civil service has been achieved. Our people have proved their willingness to sacrifice, to place country and community first, and their own personal welfare last.

Our losses it is true have been irreparable. The noble lives of thousands of young men have passed from us. But all human advance is gained at the cost of similar sacrifices. The blessings we enjoy today were all paid by the blood and tears of previous generations.

We lay our reverent tribute of gratitude at their feet, and enter the new door of opportunity they have opened for us.

NO TIME FOR SPECULATION.

The stock market within the past three months has seen a very considerable advance. The greatly improved military position has helped it. When the German front in France began to crumble and Germany's allies to weaken, then the speculators began to take notice. They looked around over the stock market and saw sound securities selling for prices below their value. They began to pick up bargains and the result of this buying movement has been the advance referred to.

Now this moderate rise has had some uses. It tends to make business men more cheerful and helps to look to the future with confidence. It probably helped put over the Liberty loan. Some men were able to get rid of stocks without a loss and put the money into government bonds.

But it will not be in accordance with government policy for any big advance movement to be promoted now. Such a movement always depends largely on borrowed capital. If this capital is tied up in the hands of speculators who are buying for a rise, it will not be available to help put over the next Liberty loan.

All financial operations for the next six months should be planned with respect to the way they affect the bond issue due for next March or April. People ought not to be allowed to have funds for speculation. If they have idle money awaiting investment, let them put it out on short term securities that can be exchanged for the next Liberty bonds.

HOME TRADE PROSPECTS. One effect of the war will be to lead people to buy in their home towns even more than ever before. The cost of living has advanced fast in the cities. It costs a great deal more to conduct mail order houses and department stores than formerly. Rents in these places have advanced, taxes on them are very high, they have had to pay greatly increased wages to their help who are suffering from big city prices.

The expressman will demand a larger fee for carrying his packages to your door. If sent by freight, it will take an interminable time to get it, and the charge may be 40 per cent higher than formerly.

Passenger travel costs more. Mrs. Buyaway will have to pay liberally for her shopping trip to a distant city. In the days of lavish spending, some women would go to a distant city to get a dress, and including expenses would pay double what the garment would have cost in the home town. When people are right up against the limits of an income that can expand no farther, they are going to consider these items. They will at least look over the home store's stock first. And when they do that, they will be so pleased with what they find, that 99 times out of 100 they will buy.

The home store suffers from the difficulties of these times less than any other. It buys its goods in large shipments and bulk, so that freight and express charges are divided up, and increases do not amount to much as a part of any single purchase. Conditions of living are easier on the help in a town like this. They have to pay less for car and railroad fare and other expenses, and are as well off even if working for a little less wages. All which helps keep down the scale of merchandise prices.

THE WAR COMFORTS CAMPAIGN. It is not enough to arm and clothe the soldiers and provide them with all the munitions and engineering of war. They are not mere machines. They are human beings, our own dearest ones who are suffering and dying for us.

The Christian associations, the Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare board and other organizations for which the war work canvass is now on are absolutely essential to the success of our armies as a fighting force. Morale is everything on the battlefield. The soldier who is lonely, homesick, discouraged, is a poor fighter. But you take him down to one of

these blessed huts where brave and self-sacrificing fellows will see that he is warmed and fed and cheered up, and he is another man. The men come in almost wrecks after the strain of fighting and the sight of suffering and death. They are unstrung and not masters of themselves. The transformation wrought in the huts is something marvelous. The handshake, the comradeship, the cheerful bit of music, the word of counsel and friendship, these tone a man up and he is himself again. Now he can go out and fight.

The work of these organizations is not merely of great military value, but it keeps men up to a high moral standard. Formerly wars were demoralizing to the character of the soldiers and many of them returned forever corrupted by enfeebling vices. The various huts stand for the clean, manly soldier life and they will return our boys to us physically and morally better than they were when they left.

Having exhorted his soldiers to die in the last ditch for him, ex-Kaiser Bill packed up a suit case and ran for Holland.

Although all kinds of foods cost 50 to 100 per cent more than formerly, the people who raise and sell these foods all claim that they aren't getting as much profit as they used to.

Society not from the winter resorts: Mr. William Hohenzollern is staying in Holland for his health.

The newspapers will seem queer without war news and with nothing to put a 96-point headline onto but a fire in the coal sheds.

OLD RESIDENT URGES CAUTION IN ELECTION

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trust in public affairs and of meeting the needs, problems and exigencies of the city in all of its activities. Belding with its diversified interests, its improvements, its social, business and industrial life should be well represented at all times and on all occasions by the heads of its different departments in a manner which shall reflect credit on the city government and its people. This cannot be done by electing inexperienced men in business affairs.

It will require men of broad-gauge measurements to meet the requirements of administering the affairs of the city in a conservative and successful way. It should be the duty then of every voter to consider that a responsibility rests upon him or herself in the selection of men to compose the city commission, that their choice should not be made along the line of favor or friendship but for fitness to the responsible position. E. B. Lapham.

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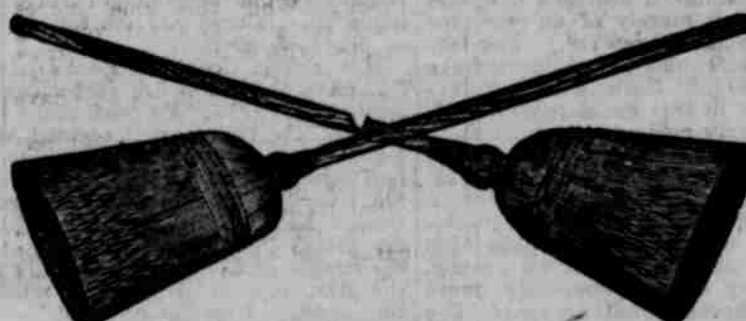
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